Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking MB Docket No. 04-233

I am a frequent listener of a Christian radio station, K-LOVE. It offers positive and encouraging programming. Its content promotes values to which I want to expose my family. It is a refreshing alternative to the degrading entertainment heard on some other radio stations. When I underwent cancer treatments the songs offered me strength and comfort.

I am concerned that the proposed FCC changes would negatively affect the station. The FCC must not implement rules or policies that would violate First Amendment rights. The proposed advisory board would impinge upon religious freedom by forcing radio stations to take advice from people who do not share their values. The proposed public access requirements and the specific editorial decision making information would impinge as well. The two-tiered license renewal system could automatically bar religious broadcasters from routine renewal application. The proposed mandatory special renewal review of certain classes of applicant by the Commissioners themselves would amount to coercion of religious broadcasters. Many Christian radio stations operate on a tight budget. Proposed measures, such as requiring staff members present when a station is on the air and restricting main studio location choices would raise costs and force service cutbacks.

I urge the FCC not to adopt the rules, procedures and policies noted above as they would be a violation of First Amendment rights. They would negatively impact Christian broadcasting to the detriment of public interest. My K-LOVE station has been a blessing to me personally, as well as to my family and community.

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